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Dark in The East

War Clouds Seem to be Gathering Over Japan and Russia.

Mikado's Government Will Oppose the Secret Treaty at all Costs.

In the Meantime All Seems Quiet Again at Tien Tsin.

London, March 22.—The foreign office takes a pessimistic view of the immediate future in the Far East, in spite of the settlement of the Tien Tsin incident, and entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach the danger point. Judging from information obtained in various official quarters in London, Japan has confided to at least some of the powers her determination to oppose at all costs any secret agreement made between Russia and China, by which the former could secure territorial or other advantages contiguous to Korea. The British government has received no official confirmation that the Japanese fleet is mobilizing, but it would not be surprised to learn that such were the facts. A highly placed British official said to a representative of the Associated Press today:

"All Japan wants is a free hand against Russia. This she has got, so far as Britain and Germany are concerned, and I presume so far as the United States government is concerned, although I do not imagine for one moment that any of the powers mentioned would be drawn into a war between Japan and Russia. If Japan sees nothing for it but to fight, she would have the moral support of objections committed to paper by at least two other powers against secret treaties with China. That is all, but Japan seems to consider it sufficient to provide against interference."

Confirmation of the foregoing definition of the situation was afforded by the secretary of the Japanese legation, who said in the course of an interview: "While rejoicing at the fact that Britain and Russia have reached a peaceful settlement over the minor issue, the main question—the integrity of the Chinese empire—remains unsettled. In response to pressure brought by Japan upon Russia, it was announced that Russia's secret treaties with China had been modified, but the terms have been withheld. Until we see the treaties, we will not be satisfied that the modification does not consist of words merely, without any alteration in the spirit. In this connection we believe other powers will support us."

It appears that Great Britain would be quite willing to refer the whole Manchurian matter to arbitration on the lines of the house conference. The Tien Tsin siding affair is not considered important enough to be disposed of in this way, and it will immediately become a matter of dispute in the exchange between St. Petersburg and London.

Pekin, March 22.—The British headquarters here report the withdrawal of both Russian and British troops from the disputed territory at Tien Tsin.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—The Russian minister to China, believes that everything will be amicably adjusted at London and St. Petersburg, and doubts the possibility of further trouble in the matter.

Gen. Vyron, commander of the French troops, has ordered a new regiment to Tien Tsin to replace the one now there.

At the meeting of the foreign ministers this morning, the only question considered was that of policing the legation quarters. A committee of ministers has been appointed to discover China's resources and report on her ability to pay the indemnity to be demanded by the powers. Many ministers are strongly opposed to China's having to pay to keep an army of ten or twelve thousand men here for the next two years, thinking this is entirely unnecessary. Even those ministers who were here during the siege are tired of seeing Peking a military camp. They hope China will be put upon her feet as soon as possible.

Berlin, March 22.—The war office has received the following from Count von Waldersee: "The Anglo-Russian dispute at Tien Tsin has been settled from a military standpoint in a manner satisfactory to both parties at a conference between Gen. Wogack and Gen. Barrow. Both guards and posts have been withdrawn and salutes have been exchanged."

"The British declare that no offence to the Russian flag was intended and that the alleged removal of the Russian boundary marks was neither by the command nor with the knowledge of the military authorities." The work on the disputed land will not be continued until the governments have reached an agreement as to its possessions, or until a special understanding has been attained.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A despatch from Peking, giving the Russian account of the affair, says: "The British military authorities acknowledged that the land was at the time under the protection of the Russians, and that three Russian boundary posts had been removed without their knowledge. The difference will now be peacefully settled by judicial investigation."

LONDON LIBEL ACTIONS.

Mr. Chamberlain's Case Is In—No Witnesses for Defense.

London, March 22.—In the trial of the libel actions brought against the Star and Morning Leader by Mr. Arthur Chamberlain, brother of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the plaintiff's case was closed this afternoon. Further cross-examination and re-examination of Mr. Arthur Chamberlain elicited nothing of interest. The defence will not call any witnesses. The case was adjourned till Monday.

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EMPEROR WILLIAM

Drove Out Yesterday for the First Time Since His Injury.

Berlin, March 22.—Emperor William to-day drove out for the first time since the attack on him. He and the Empress were everywhere warmly welcomed.

STAVE LAKE POWER.

Vancouver City Council Accept Proposal of the Company.

Vancouver, March 22.—(Special)—The city council to-night accepted the proposal of the Stave Lake Power Company to construct large electrical power works, on a basis of 18 years' franchise, the city to have the power of purchase after four years.

NO LOW RATES.

Railway Passenger Agents Will Not Make Excursion Cuts.

Toronto, March 22.—The lake and railway passenger agents here have decided not to make any reductions in existing passenger rates this summer. Concerning Pan-American rates, it was decided to cut off all excursion rates to societies and private parties this summer.

CANADIAN PRESS.

Association Endorse the Nationalization of Telegraphs.

Toronto, March 22.—The Canadian Press Association to-day published resolutions strongly endorsing the nationalization of telegraphs and advocating a change of the present zone system of postage rates on newspapers to a flat rate on all publications; the reduction or abolition of paper duties and an extension of inter-imperial postage to newspapers, books, etc.

The Strikes At Marseilles

Eighteen Thousand Men Stop Work and Things Look Very Serious.

Trouble Spreads to Unions in Many Trades—Collisions With Military.

Marseilles, March 22.—The city is quiet. The leading thoroughfares are patrolled by cavalry, the storekeepers are anxious and a majority of the stores are closed. The street cars have ceased running. Reinforcements of dragoons and infantry arrived here this morning from neighboring towns and the prefect has conferred with the military commander regarding the measure to adopt in view of the serious outlook. It is estimated that there are now 18,000 men on strike. The strikers have occupied the strike cars in the outlying quarters and have smashed the essential parts of their mechanism. About 1,200 free laborers are working on the docks protected by troops.

Late this afternoon the strikers attacked and wrecked two street cars on the canals. The engineer and conductor were roughly handled. A detachment of gendarmes and hussars succeeded in rescuing the engineer and conductor, amid the hooting and stone-throwing of the crowd.

Yesterday's decision of the council of the labor union and labor exchange in favor of a general strike, and their issuance of an invitation to all unions to cease work has increased the gravity of the situation.

The cabinet workers, the locksmiths, the engineers, the caulkers, the oil workers, the millers and the bakers' unions have either struck already or will do so shortly.

A corps of military bakers from the neighborhood is being organized to replace the bakers on strike. The mayor of Marseilles has convoked a meeting of deputies, general councillors and municipal councillors in the Marseilles town hall to-morrow.

Bodies of turners proceeded to a number of engineering works and persuaded the employees to abandon their duties. Three establishments were forced to close.

The secretary for the defence of commercial interests has appealed to the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, and the minister of commerce, M. Millerand, to use their personal and official influence to bring an end to "the present reign of terror."

It appears that during the afternoon rioting the gendarmes fired not only in the air, but into the crowd. A child was wounded in the shoulder, and a number of people were also wounded. The encounters were due principally to the hands of roughs, having nothing in common with the strikers, and these were responsible for the stoning and pillaging of shops.

London, March 23.—The special despatches from Marseilles represent the situation there as very serious. The Daily Mail's correspondent says:

"The inhabitants are alarmed by the talk of revolution. Ten thousand troops will be here to-day (Saturday), and a state of siege will probably be proclaimed."

A DIVISION.

Attacks Government For Not Furnishing Information Promptly.

Capturing Supplies

Enormous Quantities of Horses and Cattle Taken from Boers Recently.

Commandoes Are Doing Their Best to Evade the British Troops.

Dewet's Force Broken Up for the Present, Probably to Rest Men.

London, March 23.—The latest despatches from Bloemfontein show that the 200 Boers who were reported captured near Thaba N'chu were refugees, who surrendered voluntarily. They were in a bad plight and had recently been fighting under Gen. Dewet and Gen. Fourie.

Bloemfontein, March 22.—The result of the combined movements against Gen. Fourie near Thaba N'chu, was the capture of 200 Boers, 140,000 sheep, 5,000 horses and a host of cattle. The Boers broke southward to the right and left.

Capetown, March 22.—The Boer raiders in the eastern part of Cape Colony area with the exception of almost daily skirmishes, are keeping out of the reach of the British. Col. Scoville engaged Commandant Fouché and Commandant Malan near Blaauwkrantz, on March 20. Three British were killed and four wounded, and four Boers were killed. The number of Boer wounded has not been ascertained. Commandant Kritzinger is marching steadily northward.

It is officially reported that Gen. Dewet's commandoes have been broken up for the present. This is probably to give the men a rest.

CHINESE PIRATES.

They Have Increased in Numbers in West River.

Pekin, March 22.—Robert McWade, the United States consul at Canton, reports a great increase in piracy on the West river. Ships are attacked by the pirates even in sight of Canton, and their cargoes stolen. Three pirates have been captured and beheaded in the presence of the foreign consuls.

MAYOR AND PREMIER.

Winnipeg's Chief Magistrate and Mr. Roblin Differ.

Winnipeg, March 22.—(Special)—Friends of the Roblin government have circulated a petition calling upon Mayor Arbutnot, who is a Conservative, to resign, because they are dissatisfied with the stand taken by him on the railway question. His Worship, interviewed regarding the matter, said:

"I am perfectly willing to resign the mayoralty any and contest it against any of their best men—even Mr. Roblin, if he will run. I looked up the law on the point this morning, and find there is nothing to prevent him from holding the two positions. In that way we will be able to get down to facts and ascertain the feeling of the city on the matter."

Premier Roblin and Isaac Campbell have been invited to address meetings at Morden and Brandon next week.

Members of the Manitoba Free Press staff were served with writs for criminal libel to-day, at the instance of Premier Roblin. The alleged libel, it is supposed, was in the heading over a facsimile of a St. Paul restaurant register, showing the Premier's signature as "It. Palen," and in which the word "forgery" was used.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Emperor William Receives Officers of Reichstag and Diet.

Berlin, March 22.—Emperor William to-day received in audience the officers of the reichstag and diet, who expressed the indignation experienced by the members of their respective houses at the recent outrage committed on His Majesty's person, and conveyed the congratulations of the members at His Majesty's escape.

WILL CLOSE ON TUESDAY

Debate on the Address at Ottawa Drawing to a Close.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 22.—The debate on the Ottawa, March 22.—The debate on the address was continued by Mr. Oliver, who advocated expenditure of public money to transfer settlers from the older provinces to the West. Messrs. Haggart, Wade and Lennox also spoke. The division on the address will take place on Tuesday.

S. H. Blake is appointed counsel for the government on the Cook inquiry before the Senate.

F. A. Clergue, of the Soo, has given \$1,000 to the Tuberculosis Association. Petitions are pouring in from all parts of Canada against the Bell Telephone Company increasing its rates.

The Dawson Electric Company petition for a renewal of charter was disallowed by the standing orders committee this morning on account of the requisite notice not being given. Unless the house makes a special order the bill cannot pass this session.

F. C. Douglas, of Howard's Scouts, formerly of Strathcona's, has died from wounds received in action on February 16.



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The Terms Offered Boers

Official Account of Negotiations With Botha Presented to Parliament.

Generous Conditions of Surrender That Have Been Refused by Burghers.

London, March 22.—The parliamentary papers contain details of the negotiations between the Boer commander-in-chief, Gen. Botha, and Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in South Africa, issued this morning, begin with a telegram from Sir Alfred Milner to Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, February 22, and states that Mrs. Botha had returned from a meeting with her husband, bringing a letter in reply to Milner's verbal message offering to end the war on the express understanding that he would not discuss the question of the independence of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony. Mrs. Botha assured Sir Alfred Milner that the letter had been written with that point understood. Botha referred the matter to his generals, and it was stated that the meeting would take place at Middleburg.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that he was glad to hear of Gen. Botha's desire to treat, and hoped it was genuine. "He will find us," said the Colonial Secretary, "anxious to meet him on all points affecting his individual position."

On February 27 Milner called Kitchener in to discuss the terms of the Boer surrender. Botha had written that he would be in Pretoria at 10 o'clock a.m., February 28.

A despatch from Kitchener to the war office dated Pretoria, February 28, reports a long interview with Gen. Botha, who stated good feeling and no animosity for peace. He asked for information which he said he would submit to his government, generals, and the people. If they agreed, he would visit the Orange River Colony, and get those there to agree. Should all then agree, their arms in it would finish the war. He said they could go on for some time, and he was not sure he would be able to bring about peace without independence. "I declined to discuss such a point," said Kitchener, and said a modified independence would be most dangerous, and would lead to war in the future. Replying to Gen. Botha's inquiries, I informed him that when hostilities ceased the military would be replaced by a crown appointed executive, and an elected assembly, to advise him, followed after a period by a representative government. The Boers would be licensed to have rifles to protect themselves against the natives, the Dutch and the English languages would be given equal rights, Kaffirs would not have the franchise until after representative government had been granted, church property, public trusts and orphan funds would not be touched, no war tax would be imposed on farmers, assistance would be given to repair the burned farms, and to enable the farmers to start afresh, and colonists who had joined the republics should be disfranchised.

Gen. Botha seemed satisfied with these conditions, as he asked no questions to which Lord Kitchener's questions did not reply were, when the war prisoners would return, and regarding the taking over of debts of republics, including those legally contracted since the beginning of the war. He reported to be making a strong point of this. He referred to notes which had been issued amounting to less than a million pounds.

Lord Kitchener arranged to communicate Botha's views to his government. All that he said was that he was subject to confirmation from the home government.

On March 3, Sir Alfred Milner called Kitchener suggesting the following reply to Gen. Botha: "I beg to inform you that on the cessation of hostilities and the complete surrender of arms, ammunition, cannon and munitions in the hands of the burghers in the field at government depots or elsewhere, His Majesty's government is prepared to agree to grant amnesty to the Dutch and Orange River Colony for all hostile acts of war during the hostilities, as well as to move the governments of Cape Colony and Natal to similar action, qualified by the disfranchisement of any British subjects implicated in the war. The military prisoners in St. Helena, Ceylon and elsewhere, on complete surrender, shall at once be brought back to their country. Military law shall at once be replaced by a civil administration, but it is the desire of His Majesty's government, as soon as circumstances will permit, to establish a representative government. On the cessation of hostilities, a high court, independent of the executive, shall be established to administer the laws, land, church property, trusts, and orphan funds shall be respected. The English and the Dutch languages shall be taught in the public schools, and allowed in the law courts. The legal debts of the state, to the amount of £1,000,000, shall be paid, even if contracted during hostilities to the extent a creditor may have given value. The government does not intend to extend the franchise to Kaffirs in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony before a representative government is granted."

The conditions regarding assistance to the farmers, fire arms, etc., are the same as those in Lord Kitchener's reply to Gen. Botha. Sir Alfred Milner adds that he agrees to the above except as to the desirability of modification regarding British subjects in Cape Colony and Natal, the Boer army, who, if they returned to those colonies, would be liable to be dealt with under the laws of those colonies passed to meet circumstances arising in war.

He added: "What I am willing to concede much in order to strengthen Gen. Botha in inducing the people to submit, amnesty for the rebels is not, in my opinion, a point which His Majesty's government can afford to concede. I think it would have a deplorable effect upon Cape Colony and Natal to obtain peace by such concessions."

Mr. Chamberlain, in reply, dated March 6, directs Lord Kitchener to modify the terms on a number of points. Eventually Kitchener reported to the war office under the date of Pretoria, March 10, that he had written Gen. Botha the terms the government was prepared to adopt. These were the same as given, except on the following particulars: The government cannot undertake any liability regarding the debts of the late republics, but is prepared, as an act of grace, to set aside a million pounds to repay the inhabitants for goods requisitioned by the republics. It claims after adjustment of £1,000,000, they are liable to reduction pro rata. The Kaffir franchise, when given, shall be so limited as to secure a just predominance of the white race. The legal position of the colored inhabitants will be similar to that now held by them in Cape Colony."

The latter concludes: "I must inform your Honor that if the terms now offered are not accepted after a reasonable delay for consideration, they must be regarded as cancelled."

On March 16, Lord Kitchener received Gen. Botha's acknowledgment of the receipt of the letter. "I had advised my government," wrote Gen. Botha, "of Your Excellency's letter, but after the mutual exchange of views in our interview at Middleburg, February 28, it will certainly not surprise Your Excellency to know that I do not feel called upon to recommend the terms of said letter, but they shall have the earnest consideration of my government. I may add that my government and my chief officers here entirely agree with my views."

Bloomfontein, Orange River Colony, March 22. Military operations in the southern part of the Orange River Colony are progressing. Major Julian Beyer has brought in 300 refugees, 16,000 cattle and 40,000 sheep from the Wepener and Smithfield districts. Col. Beyer has sent in seventeen prisoners from Thaba N'chu. Three hundred prisoners are now camped here.

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Wireless Telegraphy Used to Communicate Progress of the Ophir.

Malta, Island of Malta, March 22.—A half-dozen vessels of the British Mediterranean squadron have been located along the coast of the Ophir, and are communicating by wireless telegraph with stations along the coast, to report to Vice-Admiral Sir John Arbuthnot-Fisher, at the squadron headquarters here, the exact position of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall from the island of Malta.

The strategic value of the wireless telegraph and pay a compliment to the Duke and Duchess.

ANOTHER SUCCESS. The Misses Loewen Repeated Their Recital Yesterday Afternoon and Evening.

The music hall at Messrs. Wait's was again filled yesterday afternoon and evening by a large and able audience of classical pianoforte compositions. Miss Loewen's interpretation of the various numbers elicited hearty and spontaneous applause, and her magnificent technique, planning and expression reflects the highest credit upon her European teacher, Herr Bruno Zwiatscher. The songs by Schumann, No. 1, etc., given by Miss Laura Loewen, were also much enjoyed by the audience. This young lady's quality of voice and artistic education give promise of greater triumphs yet to come. Victoria can indeed be congratulated upon having amongst her many fair daughters such great artistic ability as has been displayed by the Misses Loewen at the recitals just given in Messrs. Wait's hall.

A notice of the recital would not be complete without a word of praise for the magnificent Steinway Grand piano used upon this occasion. For sonority, touch and beautiful tone, the Steinway has never been used in Victoria on an instrument so perfect in every particular, owing probably to the fact that Messrs. Steinway selected the instrument specially for Victoria, from a large number of their grands in New York.

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Cementing The Empire

Public Meeting to Discuss Objects of the British Empire League.

Patriotic and Eloquent Speeches by Prominent Citizens—Endorsation of Work.

A meeting of the British Empire League, with the mayor in the chair, was held last night, and was numerously attended by an enthusiastic audience, who loudly applauded the sentiments of united Empire uttered by the various speakers. Several members of the provincial house were present, including Hon. R. McCreedy, Mr. Brown and Mr. Hall.

The Mayor read letters from the Bishop of Columbia, heartily approving the objects of the league; also from Mr. Thos. Barrie, M.P., Senator Templeman, Hon. Prior, M.P., Senator Macdonald, Hugh Gilmore, M.P., Col. Gregory and Hon. D. A. Elberts and others.

The Lieutenant-Governor also wrote, regretting inability to attend, owing to ill-health. The object was an important one and worthy of earnest consideration, for it presented many great difficulties. One hopeful feature was that while we were trying to agree upon a programme, events were shaping themselves in the right direction. He instanced the C. P. R., the Colonial contingents, ocean postage and the proposed tariff, and the whole programme, concluding with a hearty wish for success.

Mayor Hayward said he considered the present moment most propitious for the establishment of the local branch of the league. He referred to the building of the Dominion to the call of the Mother Country, of which the speaker felt proud, and of the result brought about. The Mayor concluded by reading a description of an Australian writer of the reception of the returning Australians.

Hon. R. McBride, in proposing the first resolution, spoke of the honor of being selected for that purpose. He noted that one of the objects of the league was to promote the discussion of matters which pertain to the colonies, and this will give to the opportunity to express his views. The establishment of such a league would do much to foster and promote the unity of the Colonial Empire and bring it in closer connection with the Mother Land.

He referred to the Imperial Parliament, because when you step on certain ground the arguments may become political; that was something which should be avoided, and would doubtless be avoided, a course which he strongly advised, and the league would be gone the moment they tried to run it on political lines. The speaker then referred to the various objects of the league as set forth in the printed constitution, and recommended the study of the constitution, and articles on the subject of trade. The promotion of transportation, too, between the colonies and the Mother Country, a British Empire cable. These were signs of the times and go to bind the various parts together, and each of these subjects would serve for discussion. The general defence of the Empire was one of the matters which was touched upon by the Mayor in his remarks as to the reception of the returning troops in Australia.

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last of his ancestors who resided in Europe having left England 100 years ago, and yet he did not concede to anyone the palm for loyalty to the mother land.

He related an incident of a young Canadian in London, who had lost both feet in South Africa. He was just such a colonial and many others were the same, though they, nor their parents, nor their grandparents had called England home. They were colonial Britishers. That was just what he was, a colonial of colonials.

He said possibly he was the only person in British Columbia today who had written this editorial on July 1st, 1897, the day of Dominion confederation. He had in that article said the confederation was but a prelude of a greater federation. He did not claim to have originated the idea, as he had read it from the pen of the eminent Scotch statesman, and he had heard that other great orator, Lemuel Allan Wilmot, speak in flowing terms of the time when the whole British Empire would be federated. So the idea was not a new thing, but our host, like our host, hoped at a later date the whole matter would be taken up. He said the meetings of the League were without party color of any kind.

The resolution was put and carried without dissent. A vote of thanks to the Mayor for the use of the city council chamber and to the press for their kindness in adding the publicity of the meetings. It is announced that there will be branches of the league formed in several other cities of the province.

PERSONALS

John Dick of Nanaimo, is at the Oriental. T. G. Wilson, wife and son of Dawson, are at the Oriental.

F. C. Gamble, provincial government engineer, arrived from the Mainland last night. Capt. Troup, manager of the C. P. N. Company, was a passenger from Vancouver last night.

D. R. Ker, H.L. Salmon and J. Jamieson were among the Victorians returning from the Mainland last night. Mrs. N. Norcross and Miss Irene Norcross of Seacombe, returned to their home yesterday after a few days' visit to the city.

G. H. S. Spout, master mechanic of the White Pass and Yukon company for the river route, is at the Oriental. He is here engaging his crews for the coming season. Dr. Barry of the Y. M. C. A. who sails for the Orient on the next Empire, is expected to arrive on Sunday evening. He will be met at Vancouver by M. R. P. Green, M.P.E., whose cousin he is.

BORN.

RUSSELL—In this city on March 8th, the wife of Arthur Russell, of a son.

DIED.

WHIMS—In this city, on March 18th, Hiram Clarke Whims, a native of Missouri, United States, aged 54 years.

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Mr. C. F. Moore considered the league had a grand work before it, and the results of this meeting would show in later years that the league had been a grand success.

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HOW THIS PROVINCE PAYS.

From the year 1886 to 1900, both inclusive, the amount of revenue collected in British Columbia in connection with Marine and Fisheries amounted to \$348,993.62, while the total expenditure during those years was only \$80,560.68, leaving an excess of revenue amounting to \$268,432.94. This is not a very large sum of money to be distributed over fifteen years, but we venture to say that if any of the Maritime Provinces could make such a showing, there would be the loudest kind of a clamor for fair play.

We do not think that any one in British Columbia has the least desire to raise questions which will needlessly embarrass the Dominion government in carrying on the affairs of Canada, but this is no reason why the greatest pressure should not be put upon the federal authorities, not so much to secure the expenditure here of something more nearly approaching what we pay in to the revenue, but to show not only the government, but all the people of Canada, that it will pay the country to spend money for development purposes here. One of the difficulties with which any government of Canada has to contend in dealing with Western projects, for which assistance is asked from the treasury, is to convince their Eastern supporters that such appropriations will be profitable. The Eastern man knows very well that he cannot show a direct profit to the treasury arising out of such expenditures as railway subsidies. He may be able to show that immediately concurrent with the building of railways there is an augmentation of receipts in the way of customs and excise, but this does not continue, and it is due to the temporary stimulus given to business. British Columbia presents a different sort of case. Open this province by a railway, in any part of its vast area, and there is at once an appreciation in the amount of revenue collected, and the increase continues annually. This is demonstrable so as to place it above all question. No government has yet been induced to admit this, and for the very good reason that if they did they would be logically compelled to adopt a policy of liberal development. The government of the province has pressed this matter very strongly upon the attention of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. The Colonist has done what it could in the same direction. If we remember aright, the legislature has presented the idea to Ottawa by way of resolution. It formed the basis of the railway aid policy of the Turner administration. Whether it will obtain recognition this year we do not know. We are very hopeful that it will. If it does not, it will remain the duty of the government, the legislature and the press of the province to continue to urge it upon the attention of the people of the East. Our cause is wholly just, and in the end will prevail.

BOUNTY ON IRON.

We have already referred to Mr. Aulay Morrison's speech in parliament against bounties on iron and steel, and expressed the view that he ought not as a British Columbian to object to these on the eve of the possible establishment of large iron-producing plants in this province. We have at hand the Hansard report of the remarks of Mr. Morrison and Col. Prior. The latter said that he thought Mr. Morrison was going to urge the extension of the bounty system to British Columbia. He added, referring to the member from New Westminster:

He knows that the people of British Columbia look forward to a not far distant day when we shall have iron works started there ourselves, and he must know that it is impossible to get such works started without a bounty. I do not understand why he should have so much anxiety concerning the large amount Canada may have to pay. As the honorable Finance Minister has

pointed out, whenever an amount is paid for bounty, there is considerably more added to the wealth of Canada, as on every ton of iron manufactured a large sum of money is paid out in wages and material.

Col. Prior then referred to a resolution passed by the Convention of B. C. Boards of Trade held at Greenwood, asking for a \$5 bounty per ton on lead of provincial origin smelted and refined here. He declared himself in favor of such a bounty, and added:

I am sorry to see an honorable gentleman get up and endeavor to lead this house to believe that the people he represents are not in favor of the bounty system, but are in favor of it being carefully watched at least, if not entirely done away with. Let me say that even if millions be expended in bounties, we would get an ample return for our expenditure from the work done in the smelters. In British Columbia the business interests are not only asking for a bounty on lead refining, but are looking forward to government assistance to the shipbuilding industry in Vancouver and Victoria. In fact, we hope soon to see the day when the Pacific Coast will be the great manufacturing section of the Dominion.

Mr. Morrison did not have an opportunity of replying, as the debate took place on a motion to go into supply, but Col. Prior's remarks were simply an answer to his position, which was one of hostility to the further extension of the bonus principle, so it is not very clear that he could have made any effectual response, even if he had had the opportunity of speaking again.

TERMS FOR THE BOERS.

We think the consensus of opinion will be that the terms offered by the Imperial government to the Boers were as liberal as could be expected, and a great deal more so than equalled by any historical precedent. Amnesty to all the burghers who surrender, and the immediate return of the prisoners in St. Helena, Ceylon and elsewhere, the immediate establishment of civil government, with representative institutions to follow as soon as possible, the use of the Dutch language, the right to keep rifles for defence against natives, and an agreement to pay £1,000,000 of the debts of the republics, even though incurred during the war, constitute terms that are exceptionally lenient. It is not quite clear why Botha rejected the terms offered, although he said at one stage that it was hardly possible to come to any agreement that did not provide for independence. This is an absurd stipulation. The burghers are in no position to talk about independence. Fancy the Imperial government at this stage of affairs agreeing to give the Boers their independence. The thing is too ridiculous for consideration. It is to be regretted that Botha takes this view of the case, for the only effect is to prolong useless hostilities.

THE WEATHER.

"Climat" is the name of a publication just issued in St. Petersburg, and to be issued regularly on the 1st and 15th of each month, devoted to meteorological questions. The editor is N. A. Demchinsky. It is printed in Russian, French, English and German. The editor thinks it may be possible to make "exact forecasts of the weather for any period in advance," and believes that the data compiled by him and submitted to the last Meteorological Congress in Paris "affords grounds for the conviction that the weather may be predicted several years beforehand." He claims to have demonstrated that the chief factor in determining the weather is the moon's attraction. We quote from the prospectus:

Mr. Demchinsky's theory has already stood the test of experience. Last year, for example, the day of the morning frosts in May was duly predicted for the Moscow region. In like manner, the 8 days dry period in June was forecast, with the practical suggestion to farmers in Central Russia to save their hay. The Russian press for the month of March contained an article by Mr. Demchinsky giving a forecast of the harvest (spring and winter corn) to be expected in Russia, which was fully borne out by the result. The September frosts and the beginning of the Russian winter were predicted with equal accuracy. Finally, to an inquiry addressed by the Volga shipowners to Mr. Demchinsky when to expect the closing of navigation, the latter closed it in reply a month beforehand. Navigation will close the 20th October, which was exactly fulfilled.

"Climat" may be procured through Hugh Rees, 124 Pall Mall, London, S.W. The despatches show that the position of the Czar is well nigh intolerable. What will the outcome of this condition of things be?

The Times thinks that the passage of Mr. Gardiner's resolution about a duty on lumber coming from the United States "will avail nothing." That is as it may be, but even if our contemporary is right, that would not afford a reason why the resolution should not be passed.

The tension between Russia and Great Britain in China has been relieved, but only, it appears, after a force of marines had been sent to assist the Hindu troops. The official announcement is that Russia has accepted the terms of settlement proposed by the Imperial government.

The women practitioners of medicine in Toronto have established a Dispensary for Women, where they may be attended by physicians of their own sex. It has proved very successful, and an effort is being made to raise \$100,000 to establish a Canadian Hospital for Women. Each woman in Canada is asked to send 25 cents "for one foundation brock." The appeal is signed by Lady Taylor, Bertha Dymond, M.D., and Rowena G. D. Hume, M.D. Subscriptions should be made payable to the Registrar of the Ontario Medical College for Women.

Suppose the Times man of his own free will and accord makes the Colonist a present of—well, not to be unreasonable, say a nice assortment of diamonds for the editorial staff, would not the act be gratuitous? And would it be any the less gratuitous, so far as the Colonist staff are concerned, if some one had paid our esteemed contemporary to do it? Just study this out, good neighbor, and see if that "bull" which amused you so much is eligible for the herd book of Hibernicisms.

No white voter in British Columbia desires to see Chinese and Japanese given the franchise, but there may be difficulties in preventing it. That no Oriental is sufficiently familiar with our institutions after three years' residence to be fit to exercise the franchise is undoubtedly true as a general proposition. How would it do, if such people cannot be denied the franchise, to enact that a certain residence in the country, which may be made as long as could be wished, is necessary before a person not of an Asiatic race can vote? We do not want to see people voting who do not understand our system of government.

Collier's Weekly of March 2nd contained a full page illustration showing the warships in Esquimalt Harbor, the Memorial Services in honor of the Queen in front of the Parliament Building, and the proclamation of His Majesty Edward VII. in front of the City Hall. The photographs are good and admirably produced. Miss Agnes Deans Cameron was the thoughtful Victorian who secured for our city such an admirable place in so prominent a periodical. We quote the letterpress accompanying the pictures:

The funeral ceremonies for Queen Victoria, like the martial music of England, endeared the globe. Beginning in the pageantry at St. Paul's, London, the notes of mourning passed east and west from colony to colony, until was sounded in the harbor of Esquimalt, British Columbia, Canada's last loyal tribute to the memory of the Queen. Unlike most of the memorial services, those held in Victoria were not a formal state ceremonial, but were a spontaneous tribute from the people. More than 25,000 persons, it was estimated, assembled in front of the house of parliament and city hall to take part in the memorial services. Many more flocked to the shores of Esquimalt harbor to hear the firing of the 81 minute-guns on H. M. S. Egeria, each one counting off a year of Victoria's life. The great concourse sang hymns, including "God Save the King"; the proclamation of King Edward was read, and an address was delivered by Lieutenant-Governor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, was named in honor of the Queen. Esquimalt, its magnificent naval fortress, is supposed by Englishmen to be impregnable.

COWICHAN.

Municipal Contracts Will in Future Bar Orientals.

Somerset, March 21.—The municipal council was almost entirely occupied with the assessment roll at the meeting on the 2nd instant. A prolonged sitting saw the revision completed. The councillors met again on the 14th instant, when a petition was presented asking that Bazett road be closed. Rev. J. A. Leakey waited on the council to request advice and assistance in procuring a site for the library institute, the room now occupied in the Agricultural Hall being quite inadequate for the accommodation of the increased stock of books. A resolution was passed granting a site on the municipal lot. The right of municipalities to levy a real estate loan on mineral claims came up for discussion, and the clerk was instructed to ask the Attorney-General for information; also to request the member for the district, Mr. C. H. Dickie, to plead the cause of the municipality before the government. To the gratification of the treasurer, the work of the financial committee was brought to light. The report showed having ordered repairs on Richard road to enable the company to get machinery in to the Lord Roberts mine. The resolution amending the revenue by-law by raising the rate of taxation from three-eighths to one-half of one per cent. was defeated on the third reading, but as all the members were agreed that some increase of revenue is necessary, a compromise was effected, fixing the rate at seven-sixteenths—a nice little sum which will assist the clerk in making up the assessment roll. The offer of Mr. P. Clarke, Somerset, to make over to the council the site of a horse-shed was accepted. A clause is to be inserted in municipal contracts prohibiting the employment of Orientals. The council meets again on the 20th instant, when the road inspector's report, calling for an expenditure of \$10,000, will be considered.

When taken at the proper time a little Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey will prevent a cold.

MOUNT SICKER.

Mining News From the Lively Vancouver Island Camp.

Mount Sicker, March 20.—The owners of the Key City mine intend to resume active operations in about a week. The new road connecting the townsite with the main road from the Tyee mine to Duncan was completed yesterday and reflects credit on Mr. McLellan, the superintendent.

The Tyee Copper Co. are erecting more buildings, and work is going ahead speedily. The company have 50 men employed.

The Lenora company are adding to their already large force of men. A concert under the able direction of Misses Nicholas and Cutler is promised for next week.

Messrs. O'Neil and Beaumont, employees of the Tyee company, have received an offer of \$500 for an invention for which they have made application in the United States for a patent. They refused the offer.

Mr. J. W. W. Stewart, of Vancouver, Provincial Manager of The Imperial Life Assurance Company, is in the city this week, looking for reliable representation for Vancouver Island.

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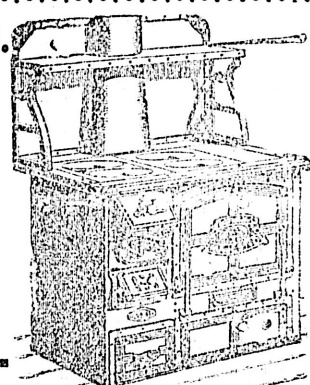
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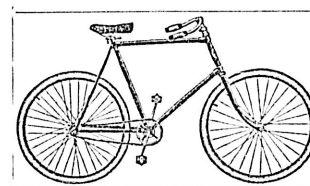
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Provincial Legislature

Progress Made in the Public School and Placer Mines Bills.

Many Notices of Motion Given For Next Monday's Sitting.

Legislative Assembly, 19th day.

Friday, March 22.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m.

Rev. Baugh Allan offered prayer.

Mr. Brown called attention to an editorial paragraph in the Victoria Daily Times, which stated that "the bill providing for the increase of taxation was passed to its second reading without a division. The sentiment of the country—and of the house, too, for that matter—is so antagonistic to it that we hope the minister of education, Mr. Prentice, will consent to some radical amendments in committee. If he considers it due to his position to stick to his guns he will make a mistake. The people will spilt him as soon as they get an opportunity."

He thought the paper should be more careful in reporting the proceedings of the house, and that such a report should go abroad, on a subject in which the whole country was so deeply interested.

REPORTS.

Mr. Helmecken presented the eighteenth report of the private bills committee, as follows:

Petition No. 70a, petition of Kootenay Central Railway, inasmuch as while publication was sufficient, the provisions of rule 57 were not complied with, but have since been. Your committee are of the opinion that, as the proposed bill is pre-eminently in the public interest, the standing orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the bill being introduced, and recommend the same accordingly.

The report was received, the standing orders were suspended and the report was adopted.

Mr. Pooley presented the twelfth report from the railway committee, as follows:

The preamble proved an Act to amend the Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1898, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

FIRST READINGS.

Mr. E. C. Smith, East Kootenay, presented a bill to incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company, which was received and read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Martin, an Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Statutes of 1900, being the Shops Regulation Act, 1900, was read a first time.

RAILWAY LAND GRANTS.

Hon. Mr. Eberts moved the third reading of the bill respecting certain Railway Land Grants, which was carried on the following division:

Yeas: Messrs. Neill, Kidd, Green, Houston, Hall, McPhillips, Helmecken, Turner, Dunsinuir, Eberts, A. W. Smith, Ellison, Clifford, Patlow, Hayward, Garden, Fulton, Prentice, Wells, McInnes, Pooley, Rogers, Hunter, Taylor, Dickie, Monce—29.

Nays: Messrs. McInnes, Stables, E. C. Smith, Oliver, Hawthorthwaite, Brown, Martin, Curtis, Munro—9.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Fulton asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. Is it the intention of the provincial board of health to make regulations under the provisions of the Health Act, dealing with pulmonary tuberculosis?

2. What was the result of the sanitary convention recently held at Ottawa?

3. Will the government take into consideration the question of granting assistance to a sanitarium in this province?

The Hon. Mr. Eberts replied as follows:

"1. The question has not yet been considered."

"2. In answer to this question, I beg to say that the report of Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, who attended the convention, will be laid before the house."

"3. The matter is under consideration."

Mr. Houston asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to bring down legislation to suppress the deleterious nuisance during sessions of the legislative assembly?

The Hon. Mr. Dunsinuir answered as follows:

"No."

PLACER MINING ACT.

The consideration of the amendments to the Placer Mining Act was resumed

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be laid before this Honorable House all reports made by a member of the provincial government to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and any report made by any member of the Executive Council, upon the status of the passed by the legislature of this province at the last session, together with all correspondence relating to all of the reports.

By Mr. McInnes—On Tuesday next—Questions of the Hon. the Minister of Education.

1. Did the council of Public Instruction issue a Manual of School Law last November?

2. Did it require all public schools to be conducted according to the provisions thereof?

3. Were the books authorized for reading thereby then published? If not, are they now published, and when were they published?

4. Was drawing made compulsory in all grades?

5. Were the drawing books authorized then published? If not, are they now published, and when were they published?

6. Has the said council sent notice to the teachers, at any time since November last, permitting them to teach reading or drawing in any other books than those authorized in the Manual? If so, when?

7. Did the Council order Sykes' Composition to be taught?

8. Can the lessons in Sykes' Composition be taught without a Bible?

9. Can the said lessons be learned without a Bible?

SESSIONAL NOTES.

The private bills committee will meet in the Maple committee room on Monday, the 25th day of March, instant, at 10 a. m. a. m., to consider the under-mentioned bills:

An Act to Incorporate the District Power and Telephone Company.

An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Mining Association.

An influential deputation, representing North, East and West Yale, waited on the government yesterday to urge the construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway. The deputation was introduced to the ministers by the members for Yale district, and the case was ably pleaded by Messrs. J. S. Anderson, A. C. Howse, Thos. Murphy and R. H. Parkinson. The speakers made a strong plea for the railway, and insisted that any road receiving government aid should be a competitor with the C. P. R.

Honorable Mr. Dunsinuir assured the delegates that the government would make the best possible bargain in the interest of Yale district and of the whole province. He was then prepared to say that the government would favor one company more than another, the object was to secure the construction of the road cheaply and advantageously to the province, and whatever company was prepared to give substantial guarantees of its ability to construct and operate the road, while conceding the regulation of freight and passenger rates and a percentage of earnings to the province, would secure the contract. The delegation will have another conference with the government early next week.

Messrs. Helmecken and Hall accompanied a deputation from the Marine Engineers' Association, which waited on Hon. Mr. Weir yesterday, to make suggestions regarding the proposed law relating to steam boiler inspection and the qualifications of engineers. Mr. Weir noted the suggestions of the delegates and thanked them for having brought the subject to his attention.

It is understood that Mr. Helmecken will introduce a bill at the present session to provide against the registration of naturalized Chinese and Japanese as voters.

By a slip of the pen the Colonist reported yesterday that Mr. Curtis's resolution asking for certain returns showing the volume of business transacted in the courts of the province, was defeated. This resolution was adopted.

In the corridors of the House yesterday was seen the figure of Dr. Hugh Watt, familiar to many of the older members, once having been a member of the legislature from Cariboo, for which riding he at one time sat as fellow-member with Mr. S. A. Rogers, one of the sitting members. Dr. Watt is now resident at Port Steele, and has come to the coast for a visit. He is a guest of his son, Dr. Watt, Dominion quarantine officer.

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The thing that draws the crowds, however, is the funeral procession mentioned above. First is shown the landing of coffin at Portsmouth. With slow and solemn pace the guard of honor from the household troops, with their huge bearskin caps, move to their place at the quay. Then the coffin, borne aloft on the shoulders of non-commissioned officers, is brought forward and placed upon the draped gun-carriage, which awaits it in the foreground. The next film shows the progress of the procession at Windsor, and as the cortege passes, with the blue-jackets dragging the gun-carriage and its burden, it brings to mind very vividly the poetic allusion to the dead sea queen and her faithful sailors.

All the pictures are perfect, and the projecting instrument works without a hitch, almost every detail of the views being brought out distinctly and sharply. Last evening the hall was crowded, and if merit is given its just reward, the audience this afternoon and evening will be only limited by the capacity of the A. O. U. W. Hall.

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AUCTION SALES.—All Advertisements for Auction Sales will be found on Page 8.

Pipe For Nelson.—The contract for supplying sewer pipe to the city of Nelson has been given to the B. C. Pottery Company, of this city. The city engineer says the material supplied by this firm gave every satisfaction.

Chinese Commission.—As the royal commission has decided not to sit today for the taking of evidence, witnesses who were to have appeared today, will not be required to attend until Monday.

Proposed Ferry.—T. N. Hibben & Co. have on view in their window a plan of the proposed new ferry to be operated between the Island and the Mainland. The print shows a large steamer, with accommodation for a number of cars, and with a good-sized deck-house.

Special Rate to Shawinigan.—Excursion rates to Shawinigan Lake have been placed on sale, good going Saturday and returning not later than Sunday's afternoon train, for \$1.40. A special rate of \$1 is made for those going and returning on Sundays.

Reduced Rates.—Family tickets available for purchaser and members of a family from Victoria to Shawinigan Lake, with limit of twelve months from date of purchase, have been placed on sale by the E. & N. railway, at rate of \$5 for ten trips.

Change in Time.—A new time card takes effect on the E. & N. railway today. The 9 a. m. train leaves as usual. The Saturday and Sunday afternoon express leaves at 4:25 p. m., instead of 3:10 p. m., arriving at Victoria at 8:10, instead of 6:25 p. m., thus giving the women and others the benefit of the full day at the various points along the line.

TO CURE GRIP IN TWO DAYS. Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause.

Proclaiming the King.—In the issue of the Navy and Army Illustrated just to hand appears a reproduction of the photograph showing the ceremony of proclaiming our new King at the city hall here. The picture is a particularly good one, most of the faces being easily recognizable, but one feature that is missing is the absence of any military uniforms to give the scene an official air.

Allen-Dewar.—On Thursday evening, at the residence of Mr. D. Dewar, 74 Princess avenue, Rev. J. G. Hastings performed the ceremony which made Mr. George Allen, of the C. P. N. Co., and Miss Jean Dewar, man and wife, the young couple received a large number of presents from their many friends. A supper was partaken of by the company after the ceremony. The young couple will reside at No. 7 Whittaker street.

At the Elite.—Yesterday was opening day of spring millinery at the Elite parlors, on Fort street, and needless to say, the showing of the very latest in fashionable hats and bonnets was fully up to the high standard always set by this fashionable establishment. Great pains and expense have been gone to this year in securing the choicest offerings of Eastern emporiums in the way of the most stylish and seasonable goods. The stock, which is well assorted, represents purchases made from the best purveyors in all parts of the world. In fact, the handsome quarters of The Elite is a veritable epitome of ladies' fashions for the spring season.

Removal Regretted.—The transfer of Lt.-Col. Peters, D. O. C., from the command of the 5th military district, to that of the 1st at London, has caused a wide-spread feeling of regret in the ranks of the local militia, with whom the D. O. C. was fast becoming a favorite. Says the Montreal Star, "Col. Peters has many ideas concerning drill, which are in accordance with the cut and dried regulations contained in the red book, and these he has always tried to put into practice. In most cases where his ideas have been allowed, the efficiency of the militia has been greater than if the red book regulations had been adhered to."

Col. Peters has frequently given very tangible proofs of his interest in the Montreal militia since coming to this city, and his retirement therefore, at present, is greatly regretted."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. E. W. Grove's Little Blue Pills.

Strictly Fresh Eggs, 15c. dozen, at Mowat & Wallace, Grocers, corner Yates and Douglas streets.

See Kalaratus, expert juggler, at Drill Hall concert to-night.

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Bible Society.

At the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society officers were elected as follows: President, N. Shakespeare; secretary-treasurer, Geo. Carter; executive committee, Walter Morris, S. M. Okell, E. A. Jacob, Thornton Fell, Donald Fraser, Arthur Lee, D. McLean, Christopher Spencer, J. McKenzie, John Ward, R. C. McRae, and the pastors of the various churches represented.

The annual report submitted by the secretary, which follows, was adopted.

In presenting the annual report of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, I only regret that the secretary-treasurer, George Carter, on account of a business trip he has taken, was not here to present it himself.

I consented to act during his absence on the distinct understanding that he would be here to make out the annual report and present it himself. However, as he has not yet arrived home, I am here to give you a partial report of the last year's work so far as I am able to do so.

The executive, which is composed of a minister and layman from each church who gave up the work, held six executive meetings during the year for the despatch of business. Our present collector, Mr. E. Lane, has done valuable work for the society during the ten months he has been engaged, and perhaps it is only fair to him to state that while the reports cover that period, he is only paid for the actual time engaged, so that in reality our report is for six months' work. Mr. Lane, owing to indisposition and having to attend to his sick horse, was unable to be in the field all the time during the year.

Mr. Lane canvassed the island as far up as Comox, and also some part of the Mainland, including Vancouver and New Westminster. He has travelled on land 1,826 miles, made 4,820 visits, and sold 517 copies of the Scriptures, giving away 55 copies, found 70 families without the Bible, and when you consider the distance between the different localities, and the roads travelled, you will not be surprised to learn that his partner, his horse, gave up the work. The following is a list of the amounts contributed by the various churches of this city to the Bible Society this year, as their annual subscription to this work:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, \$24.00; First Presbyterian church (not reported); St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, \$5.00; Metropolitan Methodist church, \$7.15; Central Methodist church, \$18.00; Victoria West Methodist, \$5.00; James Bay Methodist church (not yet reported); Reformed Episcopal church (not yet reported); Congregational church, \$3.65.

We are expecting to be in possession of subscriptions from those churches who have not yet reported at an early date.

We cannot attach too much importance to God's revealed word, as it supplies

the want required by hundreds of young converts, particularly in this Western country, and if we want them to become strong, muscular Christians, it can only be as their thirst is quickened and their love deepened for the constant and prayerful study of the Word of God. To neglect the Bible is to neglect God and injure ourselves, for it not only gives us the soundest principles on which to shape our lives, but it affords to every reader ample materials to make him wise unto salvation. The Bible Society do not wish to be understood as speaking disparagingly of the many, and excellent and useful volumes that are before the Christian public from the pens of some of the greatest minds this world has ever produced, and whose writings deserve the attention of those who have the means to purchase them, and the time to study them.

Let me add a sentence from a former report. The great object of the society, which we form part, is the giving of the Bible, without note or comment, to the various nations of the earth.

We have on hand in the depository in this city 481 volumes, valued at \$331.90, besides 650 books and booklets in foreign languages.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR LEE, Sec. pro tem.

It was moved by Rev. D. MacRae, seconded by Mr. S. M. Okell, and carried: Whereas it is contemplated to organize a branch of the Bible Society in every principal centre in the province; and

Whereas, a collector is employed at our recommendation, in British Columbia, by the Upper Canada Bible Society, and

Whereas, said collector is doing good work in distributing the Bible in frontier settlements, mining camps and among sailors and mariners; and

Whereas, the expenses of carrying on said collector's work is considerable, and

We hereby strongly commend the work of the Upper Canada Bible Society to the support of the society, and the liberal support of the Christian people, not only in the bounds of the branch of the city of Victoria, but throughout the whole province of British Columbia.

Rev. E. S. Rowe moved, and it was seconded by Mr. J. B. McKilligan, and carried:

"We, the Victoria branch of the Bible Society assembled at the annual meeting, hereby express our great satisfaction at the progress which the British and Foreign Bible Society has made during the year just ended, and our appreciation of the hearty cooperation and confidence in the central board of directors who so wisely uses the lubricating oil of grace on the journals of machinery, that there is no jarring, heating or breaking; and our thankfulness that the platform is so broad that all Christians can unite their prayers and their labors without any compromise of individual convictions, or ecclesiastical principles; and are sorry that for Most Gracious Majesty, our beloved Queen, who at ways took much interest in the work of the society, has been called to the great beyond; and we extend to her son, King Edward VII., and the royal family, our sympathy in their bereavement."

Before adjourning the society endorsed a note of thanks to the management of the First Presbyterian church for the use of the same and to the choir for assisting.

Heavily Fined.—In the city police court yesterday morning, Peter Marvo was fined \$100 and \$25.00 costs, for supplying liquor to an Indian woman, William Rusworm pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a watch and chain from Murdoch MacDonald, of the outer dock, and being an old offender, was sentenced to a year with hard labor. Rusworm served a previous term here and also a term in the Nanaimo Jail.

Free Fight.—During the early hours of yesterday morning a party of white men came across a party of Japanese abusing a woman on Chatham street. They remonstrated and took the woman to her house. They went in with her, and upon one of them coming out again, he was attacked by the Japs and rather severely beaten, being cut about the head and snubbed in the back. His cries for help attracted Constable Abbott, who effected the arrest of Nagawawa, one of the Japs. The case was called in the police court yesterday and remained until Monday at the request of the police, who wished time in which to secure evidence and possibly more prisoners.

Do you believe minority rule can be successful?
Of course! For example, if the father and mother like you and the girl doesn't there you are; but if the girl likes you and the father and mother don't there they are.—Chicago Record.

WELCOME TO
GRAND MASTER
Provincial Head of I. O. O. F.
Entertained by the Vic.
toria Brethren.

A large representation of Odd Fellows assembled in their hall last evening to welcome the grand master of the order in British Columbia, Bro. W. E. Johnston, of Vancouver, who arrived in the city by the Chatter yesterday. It was the regular meeting night of Peerless Lodge, and, for the entertainment of the Grand Master and visiting brethren, the first degree was conferred on a member of that lodge. The team was composed of members of Peerless and Columbia lodges, and was in charge of Bro. G. T. Fox, team captain of the latter lodge. The Grand Master expressed the pleasure it afforded him to witness the degree, and praised the manner in which the work had been performed. After adjournment, tables were spread in the hall and a goodly company sat down to a splendid supper prepared by Bro. J. H. Sabine. The chair was taken by Bro. James Pottinger, D. G. M., having on his right the guest of the evening and Grand Warden A. Graham, Grand Treasurer G. T. Fox and Past Grand Master A. Henderson, and on his left Grand Representative P. Dempster, Past Grand Master J. E. Phillips, and other prominent members of the order in close proximity. After some time had been devoted to satisfying the inner man, an excellent programme of songs, songs, and songs, and the hour was late when the proceedings terminated. In responding to the toast of the "Grand Lodge of British Columbia," with which the name of the Grand Master was coupled, he told of the difficulty he had experienced in visiting all the lodges in the jurisdiction, owing to the fact that they were so far apart, more particularly in the upper country. There were at the present time, he said, 42 lodges of the order in British Columbia, with a membership of about 3,300, and he hoped when there were 50 lodges, the jubilee of Odd Fellowship in the province would be celebrated by a grand demonstration of some kind. The Grand Master also put in a good word for the proposed Odd Fellows' home, and trusted a united effort would be made to make it an assured fact.

Excellent music was provided by an efficient orchestra in charge of Bro. W. Jackson, which contributed much to the evening's enjoyment.

The Grand Master will be taken in charge to-day by members of the order and made acquainted with some of the beautiful drives and otherwise looked after. In the afternoon he will leave by the E. & N. railway for Duncan, where he will be the guest of the lodge at that pretty village this evening.

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Local News.

Business Change.—Earl Smith has sold his interest in the Factory Shoe Store and has left the city.

Donated to the Hospital.—W. J. Kelly, secretary of the 'Longshoremen's Union,' writes to the Colonist: "There were a great many contributions towards the fund for the hospital expenses of the late Thomas Hunter, and there being a surplus of \$18.75, the union has donated that to the Jubilee hospital."

Two Concerts.—There were two concerts in the city last evening, both of which were attended by a number of Victorians. The R. T. of T. gave an entertainment at the Home for the Aged and Infirm, for the benefit of the inmates, and a concert was given at Cedar Hill in aid of the fund to purchase the furniture for a gymnasium for the school.

To Reconsider.—Ald. Yates has given notice that at the next meeting of the council he will move that the motion passed at a recent meeting to receive and lay on the table until the consideration of the estimates the petition of E. M. Johnson and others, be reconsidered. This is the petition asking for a paid fire department, and is understood to be the wish of Ald. Yates to settle the question in open council before the estimates are framed.

GOSSIPING NEIGHBORS.
People will talk and when neighbors get together in the evening, there is something said about Dr. Chase's Ointment, and the surprising cures it is effecting among sufferers with piles and itching skin diseases. It is by word of mouth from friend to friend, that the fame of this great Ointment has spread the globe. It stands today as the only remedy for hemorrhoids, for every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles.

THE DAY IN COURT.
Sitting of the Full Court—Applications in Chambers.

The Full Court yesterday heard the conclusion of Stevenson v. Parks. Judgment was reserved.

IN CHAMBERS.
Warren v. Genelle; to dismiss action; abandoned. Mr. Lawson for plaintiff; Mr. Gilmore for defendant.

McCauley v. Hamilton; application for examination, de bene esse; order made; costs in the cause. Mr. Helyar for plaintiff; Mr. Lawson for defendant.

Re Annie Holt, deceased; application for letters of administration; order made. Mr. Walls for applicant.

Re James E. Williams, deceased; application for probate; order made. Mr. Foulke for applicant.

Re Colin Cameron, deceased; application for letters of administration; order made. Mr. Schultz for applicant.

Ross v. Cummings, Silver Queen mines garnishee; application for garnishee order; returnable at Roseland on the 29th inst.

BULLOCK'S ESCAPE.
Boys in Reformatory Made Key from Chair Leg to Open Door.

Young Bullock, who, with another boy, Emory, made his escape from the provincial reformatory a few days ago, is safe in Seattle, the authorities having decided not to attempt to bring him back, as his father threatened to shoot him if he returned.

The police learned on Thursday that Bullock was in Seattle and that his father had taken him over. They also learned that it was he who entered Frank Nelson's house and stole a gold watch and a pair of shoes.

The provincial authorities decided not to go to the expense of bringing him back to complete his term, but the city police were anxious to recover Mr. Nelson's chain, and they telegraphed the Seattle authorities, and the boys were arrested.

In visiting Chief Langley of the arrest, the Seattle chief notified him that the father of the boy intended to fight against extradition, and as the cost to the city would be considerable, an answer was sent to hold the boys unless he would voluntarily return. This he refused to do.

In their search for Bullock and Emory, the latter of whom was arrested a couple of days ago, the city police learned how the boys escaped from the reformatory, and the method adopted to get Bullock as a boy of more than average intelligence. He is only 12 years of age, and it appears in some way got hold of the key to the reformatory door, and taking a drawing of it, made a counterpart from the key of a barbed chair.

The wooden key, which the police found at the boy's home, is perfectly made. It was a rather difficult one to copy, there being many wards in it, and it was a double flat key.

See Kalaeratus, expert juggler, at Drill Hall concert to-night.

SATURDAY SPORTS.
Rugby and Association Football For This Afternoon.

This afternoon at the Caledonia grounds a Rugby game will be played between the Amphion and Sparrowhawk teams. The game should be closely contested and very interesting, as it will be the last of the season. The navy men are famous for their well-played games, and there is a good deal of friendly rivalry between teams of two ships, so to-day's game should draw a large crowd of spectators.

This afternoon at the Caledonia grounds a much more tactically played game will be played between the Victoria and Columbia. The Victoria boys are determined to keep up their present big lead in the race for the championship, and are practising hard for the next match. Jones is in fine form between the posts, while Schwenger is showing more speed than ever this year, and is just as sure a kick. Goward is playing a brilliant game also, his kicking being better than ever before, as is also Lorrimer, who is ably filling Rutherford's place. The forwards have been much strengthened this year by S. Lorrimer, well supported by Livingston, Yorkie, J. Lorrimer and Simpson. They play their next game in the S-nior

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Columbia—Goal, Marshall; backs, Yorkie and Shanks; half backs, Finlayson, Hart and Gartley; forwards, Livingston, Baynton, Wilson, Fell and Berkeley.

There will only be one Junior League game to-day at Beacon Hill, and the opposing teams will be the Boys' Brigade and the North Ward school. The North Ward team could not be obtained.

The league is as follows: Goal, P. Flochbart; backs, B. Johnson and W. Ross; halves, C. Jaegers, J. Barber, W. Edmonds; forwards, C. Vincent, W. Irving, C. Ross, R. Finlayson and Walter Edmonds; reserves, W. Kennedy and C. Clifford.

SPORTING NOTES.
The Victoria Hunt Club will hold their regular weekly paper chase this afternoon, starting from Colwood hotel at 2.30.

There will be a game of basketball next Thursday or Friday at the Drill hall, between the J. B. A. A. and the Y. M. C. A. team of Vancouver. This should be a highly interesting game, as both teams play good basketball.

Watts—This Carrie Nation crusade is going to have a wider and more lasting effect than most people think.

Fotts—I don't doubt that. There will be Carrie Nation vaudeville jokes for ten years to come.—Indianapolis Press.

What, said the teacher of bookkeeping, is your understanding of a bill payable?

A bill payable, replied the bright scholar, is one that you are able to pay, but don't care to until you have to.—Philadelphia Press.

He is the cousin of a chubby four-year-old whose home is in New York. This little man has also been started up in the way he should go. One day he visited some relation by the names of Jones. He was not treated just as his highness considered fitting, and he resented it for a time. But when prayer time came he resented enough to frame this petition which he tucked on the end of the second prayer:

"Please, God, bless papa and mamma, and grandpa and grandma, and even the Joneses!"—Lewiston Journal.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, March 22—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

Since yesterday an extensive ocean storm area has crossed the province to the Rockies, while along the coast the barometer is again rising. This disturbance has caused a general rainfall over the Pacific slope, and strong west and southwest winds over the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The weather is again unusually mild between the Canadian ranges and has become quite spring-like from the Rockies eastward to Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	47
New Westminster	36	52
Kamloops	42	56
Barkerville	42	56
Calgary	24	36
Winnipeg	6	34
Portland, Ore.	40	48
San Francisco	48	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time), Saturday:

Victoria and vicinity: Moderate or fresh winds, mostly west and south, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature. Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, mostly fair, with occasional showers.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22.

	5 a. m.	Mean	4 p. m.
Noon	41	44	47
5 p. m.	44	47	40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

	5 a. m.	Noon	5 p. m.
Wind	20 miles southwest.	20 miles southwest.	24 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Fair.

Rain and melted snow—0.3 inch.

Sunshine—8 hours.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.816

Corrected.....29.855

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....29.81

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VICTORIA TIDES.

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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120 Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Date	Day	Time	High	Low	Day	Time	High	Low
1 P.	22	11.5	7.8	1.0	23	11.5	8.1	1.3
2 Sa.	23	11.7	7.8	1.1	24	11.7	8.1	1.3
3 Su.	24	11.7	7.8	1.1	25	11.7	8.1	1.3
4 M.	25	11.7	7.8	1.1	26	11.7	8.1	1.3
5 Tu.	26	11.7	7.8	1.1	27	11.7	8.1	1.3
6 W.	27	11.7	7.8	1.1	28	11.7	8.1	1.3
7 Th.	28	11.7	7.8	1.1	29	11.7	8.1	1.3
8 F.	29	11.7	7.8	1.1	30	11.7	8.1	1.3
9 Sa.	30	11.7	7.8	1.1	31	11.7	8.1	1.3
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thought it would cost a great deal more to clear land by white labor than Chinese. He had never farmed in China, so could not compare wages paid Chinese laborers there and here.

Questioned by Mr. Bradburn, witness told of his savings, and his property, and that he had been in the business for nearly 15 years. He had nearly \$15,000 invested in the business. He gave details of his annual expenditure, and what portion was paid to white merchants. Of his city property, he owned some 200,000. There had been a reduction of \$15,000 on it, but that he had reduced to \$8,000. He built a two-story brick block, and last year had built a warehouse and cabin. He gave the proportion of his trade with white and Chinese as about two-thirds and one-third, respectively.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. A. Strachan was the first witness called. He resides in the suburbs of the city, where he has ten acres of land. He is principally engaged in fruit raising. He told the commissioners he would rather have one white man at \$2 per day than four green Japanese at 50 cents each. He did not know a single green grocer shop in Victoria devoted exclusively to that line. Some 25 years ago there were more white people engaged in market gardening, and then they could get better prices. Chinese were then engaged in the business, but did not so nearly monopolize it. He had been fruit-growing and market gardening for ten years. When he started the Chinese had the trade pretty well controlled. He at present cost of clearing land was too high, even with cheap Oriental labor. It cost from \$50 to \$300 per acre to clear, and he considered machinery and other means could be applied to clear land much cheaper than present methods. Land was held at very high prices. He supposed it was a speculative figure mostly. The presence of Chinese and Japanese retarded development, as people did not bother to use up-to-date methods and appliances simply because they did not need to. There was nothing to prevent the use of machinery, etc., but the effect was as he stated, he did not think that proper use of land and use of modern appliances to clear land would be so high that farming would not pay. The market is pretty well supplied by local products. Some importations came from California. As the gardening was in the hands of Chinese almost entirely, he did not know of any white market gardeners. Twenty Chinese would live for what it would cost to keep an average family of five or six. Such a family could live on \$60 a month. He thought 20 Chinamen could live on \$40 a month for food. The reason he thought was because he had seen Chinamen work for him one time for six months, and in that time the Chinamen never once came to town. Witness brought all his supplies for him, and the whole living of the man was one man of rice per month at \$1.75, and occasionally 25 cents worth of sugar, with, he thought, 25 cents worth of tea. In the time the Chinamen was there, Witness had had the same Chinaman about five or six months in the summer at other times, and the experience was the same.

To Mr. Munn witness said he put about 40 tons of stable manure per acre on his land. This he bought where he could get it so that he could haul it home. He did not put it on the land every year. He used some commercial fertilizers.

Some Chinese, if shown what to do, and if kept at the one task, would perform it very well, but one white man was preferable to four green Japanese or Chinese. He thought on the average white men were worth twice as much as an Oriental, on account of intelligence and faithfulness. There were rare instances of Chinese who had learned the language and knew the work who would do almost as much as a white man. Chinese were in some cases capable market gardeners; these, however, seldom hired out, but were in business for themselves.

To Mr. Foley witness said he thought not only white labor, but the white man would be driven out by Oriental labor. He thought the government should prevent Oriental immigration. People were not enterprising on account of the presence of Chinese labor, which they knew would be used against them.

Witness told President Clute that he had known of steamers and other tradersmen who had been unable to find employment because of Chinese crowding them out. President Clute asked witness if he could give him any information as to a statement he had made to Commissioner Foley that the Chinese had tribulations of their own which were observed more than the laws of this country. President Clute remarked that such a thing, if it could be proven to exist, was a most dangerous state of affairs.

Mr. Bradburn then asked a number of questions respecting importations of vegetables from California. The methods of Chinese market gardeners were gone into also, and counsel exhibited great practical knowledge of methods of forcing rhubarb. Mr. Bradburn called attention to the subscriptions Chinese had given to the various patriotic funds in Victoria recently.

To Mr. Grant, for Mr. Cassidy, witness said the Japanese were more progressive. As to their loyalty to this country, witness had not known of the Japanese of Vancouver offering to send a contingent to South Africa, or he would have made an exception in their favor in criticizing the loyalty of these people to this country.

Mr. Foley asked witness regarding the gold washing done in the early days by Chinese in British Columbia, which Mr. Charles Wilson had questioned him upon. Witness said many of the claims had been run over and not thoroughly worked by white men in the rush of those days, and he had not been in the world of the bars, which if left would have been profitable for white men under present conditions.

Sam Kee, a Chinese market gardener, was next examined. He employed four men in the winter and six in summer, paying them from \$14 to \$20 per month. He had a partner in the business. He occupied 32 acres about two miles out on Cook street, paying \$10 per acre per year. The land was clear when he took it. Fertilizers cost \$120 to \$150 per year. His gross sales were from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year. He sent in his men with horse and cart to sell his produce, most of which was sold from house to house, and some to dealers. He knew of four white men engaged in market gardening. He had been 10 years in the business and 16 years in this country. Formerly he was a farm laborer. It cost him \$8 or \$9 per month to board his men, not including the produce of the garden which they used. He used as fertilizers horse manure. He never used human excrement for fertilizing vegetables. He had never seen a Chinese gardener follow the practice either.

William Bull, brickmaker, was the last witness examined. He was not an employer, but worked for wages. He gave particulars as to rates of wages, and the number of brickyards in the vicinity of Victoria. Fourteen white men were employed in the four yards, and 71 Chinese. White men's wages ran from \$2 to \$2.75 per day, eight Chinese were paid \$2.50, 24 were paid \$1.00, and 39 were paid \$1.50. The white men were foremen, burners, assistants and drivers of horses. He had been 40 years employed in brickmaking. He had been in Canada since 1870, and 13 years in Victoria. He had not had any steady place since a firm was worked eight years went out of business. When he first came Chinese were employed much in the same proportion as now. White men were not employed in working paying the higher wages, as the Chinese were in gangs, and breaking the gangs—that is, putting in a sound white and some Chinese—did not work well, the masters thought. He found the Chinese good workmen. "White or Chinese, if they were not good men they would not stay in a brickyard; it was no place for them," he said. Some time ago white men used to apply for work and he would give them a job, but the Chinese being low-priced workers, it was thought by employers that they would not work with the white men as with other Chinese. The effect of employing Chinese had been to put the whole trade in their hands. The wages appeared high, but in looking at the work and highly paid. White moulder would demand higher wages, so would the other branches, than the rates paid to the Chinese. He was told as foreman not to engage white men, as it would break the gangs. White men could not exist at the \$1.50 and \$1.00 a day paid to the Chinese, because the latter was one at which a man was not engaged steadily all the year. With an all-white population witness said there would be a bigger demand for bricks. White men ordered the brick yards. For a "three-gang yard" it took 25 Chinese. They lived and worked in the brick yards, lived rent free, paid no water rates and picked up their fuel from refuse. The Chinese told him it would degrade their wives to bring them out here. The Chinese told him their board cost them \$8 per month, while a white man had to pay \$20. One Chinese here told him that they liked to work here till they were 50 years old, and then return to China for the rest of their days. They had the best Chinese brickmakers, though those at Nanaimo and New Westminster seemed much the same. As to prices, there had not been much money in brick until there had been a combination on prices a year or so ago. Wages had not increased with better prices for brick. He thought brick were burned cheaper in Victoria than on the Mainland.

Mr. Foley asked witness what it cost a man with a moderate-sized family to live here. Witness gave estimates, showing that it took practically all the wages a man earned. Men only got about six months' work a year. Witness said:

"I want to say capitalists complain that men demanded such high wages here, forgetting they in turn demand such high rents for houses and high price for land. In Ontario I could get a house and an acre of land for \$5 per month, while here I pay \$12 to \$15 per month for house without the land."

If Chinese were away from here, white men would engage those who were here would derange trade too much. They would get fewer as time went on. Japanese, he thought, were worse competition than Chinese; in fact the Chinese objected to them as coming into competition with them as well as with white men.

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